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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-9, 11, 13, 16 and 19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants CANCEL claims 10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18.

Applicants greatly appreciate the allowance of claims 7-9, 11, 13, 16 and 19 by the Examiner.

Claims 10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Avanic et al. (U.S. 5,650,755). Applicants have canceled claims 10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 over Avanic et al. is moot.

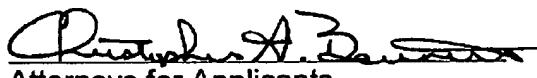
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7-9, 13, 16 and 19 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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